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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

1. WOULD YOU PLEASE DISCUSS WITH ELAINE WHETHER ANY INSIGHTS GAINED IN PREPARATION FOR YOUR TUESDAY PLANNING GROUP SESSION MIGHT LEND THEMSELVES FOR DISCUSSION AT DAILY STAFF MEETING AT SOME POINT AFTER MY RETURN--EITHER AS INDIVIDUAL POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS OR COLLECTIVELY. RELATED QUESTION IS WHAT ANALYTICAL MEMOS THAT MIGHT MATURE A MONTH FROM NOW MIGHT LEND THEMSELVES TO BRIEF PRESENTATION IN THE CONTEXT. YOU MIGHT REVIEW WITH MARTY WORK IN PROGRESS WITH THIS IN MIND. IN SHORT, I AM STILL SEARCHING FOR WAYS TO INTRODUCE BROADER PERSPECTIVES AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR USING MONTH AHEAD TO SEE WHAT WE MIGHT DEVELOP.

2. PLEASE TELL PAUL I HAVE SIGNED MEMO ON SOVIET ECONOMY SO HE CAN DISTRIBUTE COPIES THERE.

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3. TELL ELY AND STODDARD SECRETARY HAS READ MID-EAST ECONOMIC PAPER.

4. PLEASE ASK ELY, HARRIS AND STODDARD TO DEVELOP A PROJECT ON POLITICAL-ECONOMIC EFFECTS IN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY FRANCE AND ITALY, OF ANOTHER ECONOMIC CRISIS GENERATED BY INCREASING TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

QUESTION TO BE ANSWERED WOULD BE: WHAT ARE THE LIKELY COSTS IN EUROPE OF ANOTHER MID-EAST CRISIS? TO WHAT EXTENT DO THEY PROVIDE ANOTHER REASON WHY THE U.S. HAS AN INTEREST IN MID-EAST PEACE? I WOULD SUGGEST CAREFULL THOUGHT ABOUT THE FORM THE NEXT CRISIS MIGHT TAKE, E.G. A SCENARIO OF MOUNTING, PERHAPS RATHER SUBTLE PRESSURES RATHER THAN JUST A REPEAT OF THE 1973-74 OIL EMBARGO.

5. THANKS FOR PROMPT RESPONSE TO MY MONDAY NIGHT QUERY.

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